



# Strengthening and Revitalizing Indigenous Language and Culture

This project is built upon a foundation of Indigenous tradition, culture, ceremony, and sacredness with the intent of creating a legacy that will contribute to the strengthening and revitalization of Indigenous languages and cultures.

## OUR JOURNEY

### Engagement

- ◆ Engage with Indigenous knowledge keepers, language experts, and youth from across Canada.
- ◆ Provide the opportunity for community to community mentorship and knowledge exchange.
- ◆ Established an Advisory Circle comprised of individuals who bring relevant Knowledge & skills to effectively guide the project.
- ◆ Invited all First Nation, Metis, Inuit communities from across Canada and 26 agreed to participate.
- ◆ A National Gathering for up to 300 Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians to learn, collaborate and share in efforts to Strengthen and Revitalize Indigenous Languages and Culture will be the culmination of all the work done by the communities.
- ◆ Documentary Development—National Screen Institute (NSI) will document the journey and life cycle of the series of events as seen through the eyes of the Indigenous youth involved. Young Indigenous apprenticeship film makers are mentored throughout the project.
- ◆ The Documentary is revealed at the National Gathering and shared internationally on Social Media.
- ◆ A social media campaign is ongoing through Facebook and Youtube. A hashtag is created *#IndigLanguageStrong*

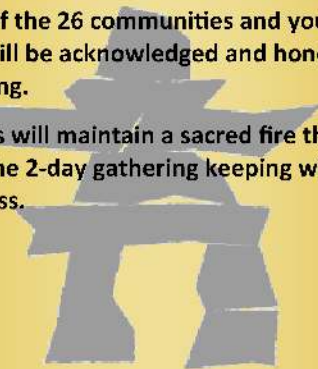
### Community Dialogue

- ◆ Twenty six (26) communities work together and focus on strengthening and revitalizing Indigenous Language and Culture.
- ◆ Each community volunteered (4-5) people to participate in the meetings
- ◆ Each meeting is inclusive of youth, traditional knowledge keepers, and those who intend to carry the work forward once the project is complete.
- ◆ Communities are paired and learn from one another.
- ◆ Communities are paired according to similar language groups.
- ◆ Meetings are land based and held in First Nation, Metis and Inuit Communities .
- ◆ 14 Indigenous facilitators are engaged to facilitate the dialogue in communities. The majority of facilitators are fluent Indigenous language speakers.



### National Gathering

- ◆ All communities come together to celebrate and share language, culture, and knowledge generated from their community meetings.
- ◆ The National Gathering will be held on March 6-7, 2018 at The Membertou Trade & Convention Centre, Membertou First Nation, Nova Scotia.
- ◆ The Gathering provide an opportunity for Indigenous leaders and scholars to address some of the current issues pertaining to Indigenous culture and language revitalization and discuss the relevant TRC Calls to Action.
- ◆ Speakers include Federal Government representatives, First Nation, Metis , Inuit and International Language experts .
- ◆ The work of the 26 communities and youth filmmakers will be acknowledged and honoured with an honour song.
- ◆ Firekeepers will maintain a sacred fire that will burn throughout the 2-day gathering keeping with tradition and sacredness.



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